

7 ounces. My wife Faye and my son Brian join me in wishing Clay and Anna great happiness during this very special time in their lives.

As a father of three, I know the immeasurable pride and rewarding challenge that children bring into your life. The birth of a child changes your perspective on life and opens the world to you a fresh, new way. Their innocence keeps you young-at-heart. A little miracle, a new baby holds all the potential of what human beings can achieve.

With great happiness, I welcome young Luke into the world and wish Clay and Anna all the best as they raise him.

TRIBUTE TO WELDON WILHOIT

HON. IKE SKELTON

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 20, 2001

Mr. SKELTON. Mr. Speaker, let me take this opportunity to pay tribute to Colonel Weldon Wilhoit, former Superintendent of the Missouri State Highway Patrol, for the service he has given to the state of Missouri for over 30 years.

Colonel Wilhoit graduated from Shelbina High School in 1962. He honorably served in the United States Army from 1962 until 1965 and attended Central Missouri State University. In 1969, he began a long and distinguished career with the Missouri State Highway Patrol.

Colonel Wilhoit's first assignment was with Troop H, serving there from 1970 until 1987. Nine years after his first assignment he was promoted to the rank of Corporal and was also designated the Assistant Zone Commander. In 1985, he was promoted to Sergeant and designated Zone Commander. Col. Wilhoit was promoted to Lieutenant and transferred to Troop B in 1987. He attended the FBI National Academy in Quantico, Virginia, from January 1991 through March 1991 and in April of 1992, Col. Wilhoit was promoted, to Captain and designated Commanding Officer of Troop B.

In 1993, Col. Wilhoit was promoted to the rank of Major and was transferred to General Headquarters, Field Operation Bureau. In 1996, he was promoted to Lieutenant Colonel and designated Assistant Superintendent, and in September 1997, Governor Mel Carnahan appointed Col. Wilhoit as Superintendent of the Missouri State Highway Patrol.

Mr. Speaker, Col. Wilhoit has dutifully served for four years as the Superintendent of the Missouri State Highway Patrol.

As he prepares to spend more time with his wife Helen and his children, Mark, Brian, Angela, and Kelly, I know the Members of the House, will join me in expressing appreciation for his dedication to the people of Missouri.

HONORS YALE-NEW HAVEN HOSPITAL ON THEIR 175TH ANNIVERSARY

HON. ROSA L. DeLAURO

OF CONNECTICUT

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 20, 2001

Ms. DELAURO. Mr. Speaker, it is with great pleasure that I rise today to pay tribute to one

of our Nation's oldest and finest medical institutions. Yale-New Haven Hospital. For one hundred and seventy five years, Yale-New Haven has been at the forefront of medical care.

Chartered in 1826 as the General Hospital of Connecticut, it was the first hospital in the State of Connecticut and the fifth in the nation. Throughout its proud history, Yale-New Haven Hospital has enriched the lives of millions of patients and has become a true national landmark. Though we have come a long way from the days of horse-drawn ambulances and physicians carrying little black bags as they made house calls, Yale-New Haven has never lost sight of their original message: to serve those in need.

Over the course of their 175 year history, Yale-New Haven has developed some of the most significant advances in medical research. Their remarkable work has not only made a difference in the New Haven community, but in the lives of millions across the globe. Yale-New Haven Hospital has long been known for its pioneering efforts in medical technology. They were the first hospital in the western hemisphere to use both penicillin and chemotherapy and the first in the nation to offer rooming-in and one of the first to offer natural child-birth. Other firsts have included the first artificial heart pump which is now housed in the Smithsonian Institute and the world's first intensive care unit for newborns. These contributions have changed the course of medical history and made possible the continued advancement of many medical technologies.

More than their contributions to the medical science, Yale-New Haven Hospital has always had a very special relationship with the New Haven community, which I am sure it will work to continue. Their home since the beginning, Yale-New Haven continues to work hard to ensure the growth and development of the New Haven area. Partnering with New Haven schools, they initiated the Partners in Education Program which offers career exploration and volunteer service opportunities for students. In addition, each year the Partners in Education program provides five four-year scholarships to minority students furthering their education in health-related fields. Yale-New Haven also lends its support to a number of local and non-profit organizations. Their numerous contributions to such organizations as the Ronald McDonald House, Habitat for Humanity, the New Haven Public Education Fund, the New Haven Boys & Girls Club, and the Anti-Defamation League have gone a long way in helping them achieve their respective missions in the community.

Yale-New Haven Hospital also offers the New Haven community access to a variety of life-saving tests for cancer. As a cancer survivor myself, I can tell you that these screenings are an invaluable tool in the fight against this devastating disease. The Yale-New Haven Mammography Van has been operating for over a year now, providing mammograms to several underserved groups throughout the community. Yale-New Haven is also one of only sixteen sites in Connecticut that offers comprehensive breast and cervical cancer screening programs free of charge to eligible women over age forty. Their consistent commitment and dedication to ensuring service to those most in need has left an indelible mark on our community.

For its invaluable contributions to medicine and to the New Haven community, I am proud

to rise today to pay tribute to Yale-New Haven Hospital as they celebrate their 175th Anniversary. It is with sincere thanks and appreciation that I extend my congratulations and best wishes on this very special occasion.

TRIBUTE TO WILLIAM L. PORTEOUS OF REED CITY, MICHIGAN

HON. DAVE CAMP

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 20, 2001

Mr. CAMP. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to William L. Porteous of Reed City, Michigan, who recently received the Reed City High School Distinguished Alumni Award. Mr. Porteous was recognized with this honor because he embodies the characteristics that school districts would like to instill in young people today: dedication to educational excellence and life-long learning; motivation to success; integrity in one's chosen field; commitment to serve the community one resides in; and recognition by one's peers of abilities far beyond ordinary.

I would like to congratulate Mr. Porteous and draw the attention of my colleagues in the U.S. House of Representatives and my constituents in the 4th Congressional District to Mr. Porteous' distinguished life and career as well as his extraordinary community involvement.

After graduating from Reed City High School in 1937, Mr. Porteous attended Michigan State University, where he earned a Bachelor of Arts degree in Business Administration. Then in 1941, he joined the United States Army serving during World War II. After he was discharged from the military, he enrolled at the University of Michigan earning a Masters of Business Administration.

In 1948, Mr. Porteous returned to Reed City with his wife Mable and began his 42-year banking career at the Reed City State Bank, where he eventually became the president and Chairman of the Board. Under his leadership, the small community bank grew to one with nearly \$60 million in assets which Mr. Porteous successfully merged with the First Michigan Bank of Zeeland.

While Mr. Porteous was a success in his professional life, he also made a significant impact on the Reed City community and its children. Mr. Porteous always took a leading role whenever a new school had to be built or when a school building needed improvements. Not only was he generous with his time and talents, but with his financial resources as well.

Mr. Porteous also must be commended for serving his community by volunteering through numerous organizations, including the Boy Scouts, Reed City VFW Post, Rotary International, Eagle Village, Inc. and other civic organizations.

I am honored today to recognize Mr. Porteous as an outstanding citizen whose admirable qualities make him an outstanding role model for his community.